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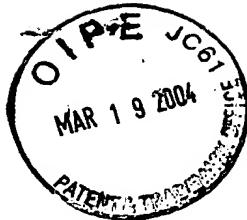
In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP AFTER FINAL**  
Shigeru YANO et al. )  
Application No.: 09/913,725 ) Group Art Unit: 1771  
Filed: August 17, 2001 ) Examiner: Hai Vo  
For: POROUS FILM AND ) Confirmation No.: 3808  
MANUFACTURING METHOD )  
THEREOF )  
)

**REPLY AND AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action [Final Rejection] mailed January 30, 2004,  
please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - Expedited  
Procedure - Technology Center

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## AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.  
 Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the  \$55.00 (2814)  \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.  
 Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Small entity status is hereby claimed.  
 Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  \$385.00 (2801)  \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).  
 Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.  
 Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.  
 Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.  
 A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- No additional claim fee is required.  
 An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	15	MINUS 29 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					

- A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.  
 Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

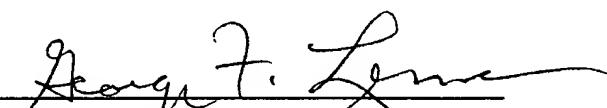
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